



Familiar scenes with whimsical touches play out on Sandy Sweetser's cards, based on her paintings. STAFF PHOTOS/KATHRYN KOCH

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Familiar meets fun

Freelance artist Sandy Sweetser starts new business

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DUXBURY - Landmark buildings and businesses in Duxbury are getting a new look at the hands of local freelance artist Sandy Sweetser.

Sweetser has been painting for many years, but with her new endeavor, the Duxbury Cards Company, she's creating whimsical cards for all seasons with Christmas cards as her immediate focus.

A Duxbury resident for almost 40 years, Sweetser has owned her own business, Sweetser's Antiques, Art and Garden Inspirations at 477 West St., but was recently inspired to turn her original watercolor paintings into greeting cards and gift tags, as well as framed prints.

"I just thought one day, why not try turning these watercolors into cards?" she said. "I showed them around, and people loved them."

Sweetser said she's really excited about this new

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Sandy Sweetser enjoys her new endeavor: creating cards for her own Duxbury Cards Company.

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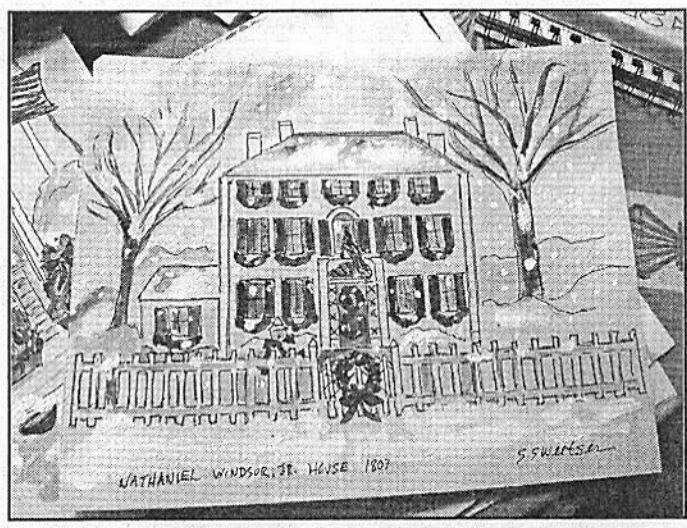
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adventure, and as someone who paints all the time anyway, she's having fun.

"It brings a smile to my face," she said.

She has already made an impression with the owners of Westwinds Bookshop and Cotton's, where her cards are for sale, and her work was recently featured at the Kingsbury Club in Kingston. The cards are sold singly or in boxed sets.

She has started out creating cards depicting scenes of historical sites in Duxbury like the King Caesar House and Nathaniel Windsor House, as well as businesses in Duxbury such as Dole and Dowd and Engel & Volkers, but plans on branching out. She has also begun painting scenes that caught her eye on trips to Boston and is looking into featuring sites in neighboring towns like Marshfield and Plymouth.



The Nathaniel Windsor Jr. is decorated for Christmas on cards created from Sandy Sweetser's painting.

Sweetser will also take requests for custom orders, including custom home portraits. To contact her, email sweetser-antiques@aol.com or call 781-934-7515.

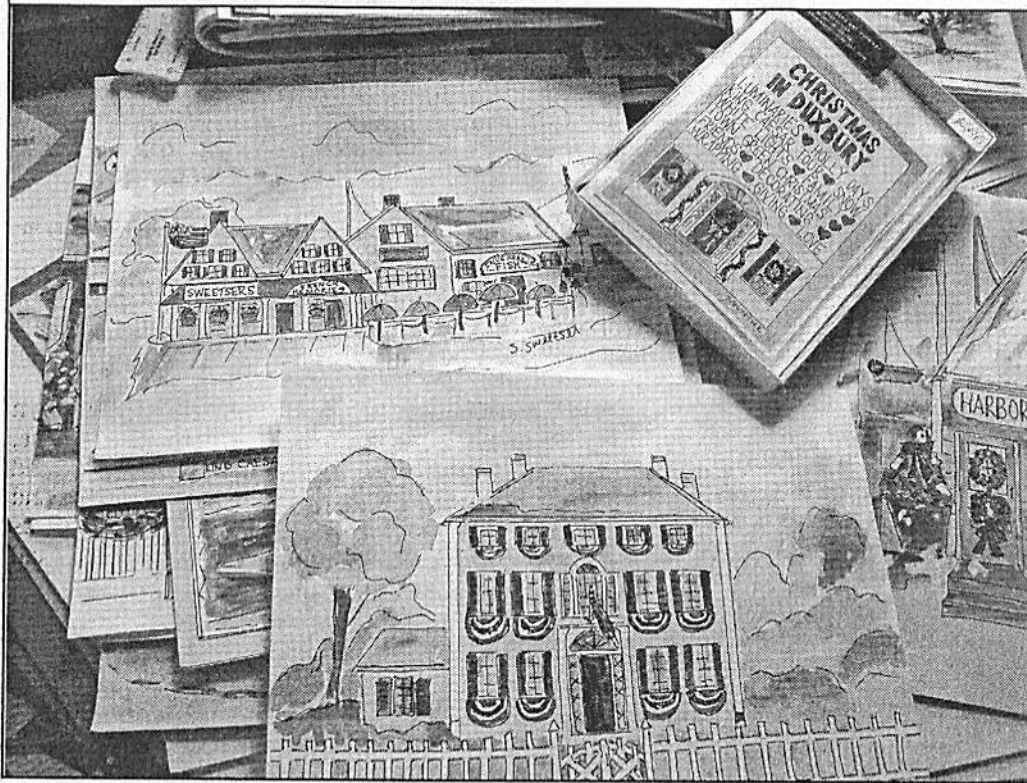
She also intends to have holiday cards available for sale during the annual Holiday Craft Fair and Bake Sale at the Duxbury Senior Center later

this year in conjunction with Duxbury's Holly Days festivities.

When Sweetser isn't busy with her cards, she's working on projects like creating the design of special bags commemorating Duxbury's 375th anniversary. She has been in business for 30 years and enjoys many creative pursuits.



Christmas cards, paintings and gift tags are created by Sandy Sweetser for her Duxbury Cards Company. STAFF PHOTOS/KATHRYN KOCH



Christmas cards and more are available for sale from Sandy Sweetser and her Duxbury Cards Company.